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Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

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Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 4-12, with the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/173,876, filed October 16, 1998, and entitled "Method and Apparatus for Removing Obstructions in Mines",